

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-6-13-03

Issued at Cordova, July 3, 2003

Effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday
Date: July 3, 2003

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. December 31,
2003, unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the Coghill River drainage sockeye salmon bag and possession limit to 12 fish per day and 24 fish in possession. Additionally, this emergency order reduces the area closed to fishing adjacent to the Coghill River weir to 50 feet. This emergency order is effective beginning 12:01 a.m. Thursday, July 3, 2003.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 55.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS (10) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective beginning 12:01 a.m. Thursday, July 3, 2003:

5 AAC 55.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

(10) Coghill River Drainage:

The bag limit for sockeye salmon in the Coghill River drainage is 12 fish per day and the possession limit is 24 fish.

Special Provisions: The waters within 50 feet of the Coghill River weir are closed to sport fishing.

Kevin C. Duffy
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Matthew G. Miller
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

A total of 33,142 sockeye salmon have passed through the weir on the Coghill River through June 30, 2003. The sockeye escapement goal range for the Coghill River is 20,000 – 40,000 fish. It is projected at this time that the upper end of the Coghill River sockeye salmon escapement goal range will be exceeded by 25%. Therefore it is warranted to increase the sockeye salmon bag and possession limit and reduce the area closed to sport fishing adjacent to the weir.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.